

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A backrest for chair comprising frame elements arranged in pairs at right and left sides, a flexible support member that bridges the frame elements to support a load of a body of a seated person, wherein the flexible support member bends concaved rearward; and an adjust mechanism that can change a degree the support member is bent concaved rearward and that can maintain the degree the support member is bent concaved rearward against the load of the seated person; wherein the adjust mechanism is at least one engaging structure between a pin mounted on either one of the support member and the frame element and at least one engaging hole formed on the other of the support member and the frame element, and an engaging portion, wherein the pin can engage the engaging hole in various positions.
2. (Currently Amended) The backrest for chair described in claim 1, wherein the adjust mechanism is arranged on at least one of the right and left sides; and wherein the degree the support member is bent concaved rearward is varied by fastening one end side of the support member to one of multiple different portions of the frame element located at a corresponding side.
3. (Canceled)
4. (Canceled)
5. (Previously Presented) The backrest for chair described in claim 1, wherein

the engaging hole has multiple engaging edge portions that make an engagement with the pin to hold the pin when the load of the seated person is applied to the support member; wherein the engaging edge portions communicate with each other; and wherein the pin can be changed from a state of engaging an engaging edge portion to a state of engaging another engaging edge portion by moving the pin along the engaging hole.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Withdrawn) The backrest for chair described in claim 1, wherein the adjust mechanism changes the degree the support member is bent concaved rearward by changing a length of a portion that transforms when the load of the seated person is applied to the support member.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Withdrawn) The backrest for chair described in claim 7, wherein the adjust mechanism is arranged at least one of the right and left sides;

and one of multiple different portions at one end side of the support member can be selectively fastened to the frame element located at a corresponding side.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Withdrawn) The backrest for chair described in claim 7, wherein the adjust mechanism acts on at least one end side of the support member wound inward through the frame element so as to change a length of a portion of the support member that bridges front faces of the right and left frame elements.

12. (Currently Amended) The backrest for chair described in claim 1, wherein the adjust mechanism has an operating portion to operate the support member in order to change the degree the support member is bent concaved rearward and the operating portion is exposed to a side portion of a back face.

13. (Original) The backrest for chair described in claim 1, wherein the support member is arranged at a height generally corresponding to a lumber of the seated person.

14. (Original) The backrest for chair described in claim 12, wherein the support member is arranged at a height generally corresponding to a lumber of the seated person.

15. (Previously Presented) The backrest for chair described in claim 1, further comprising a covered generally bag-shaped upholstery member.

16. (Previously Presented) The backrest for chair described in claim 13, further comprising a covered generally bag-shaped upholstery member.

17. (Previously Presented) The backrest for chair described in claim 14, further comprising a covered generally bag-shaped upholstery member.